

## REMARKS

The informality indicated in the Office Action has been corrected as shown in the attached page.

### Claim Rejections:

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the Examiner's withdrawal of objections and rejections raised in the second Office Action.

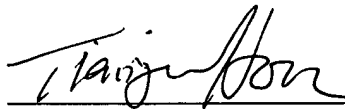
Claims 11-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belyaev et al (WO 99/31535) in the outstanding Office Action.

During the telephone conference with the Examiner on December 15, 2003, Applicant respectfully pointed out that it is not proper to cite Belyaev as prior art reference against the present patent application. This is because the earliest priority of Belyaev is RU 97121028 filed **December 16, 1997**, which is after the priority date of the present patent application, which is based on RU97105079, filed on **March 26, 1997**. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current response. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If any matters can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 7 has been amended as indicated:

Embossing of a homogeneous anisotropic film creates regions with different thicknesses that provide a differential phase shift and, hence, various coloration of these regions. In order to ensure that two neighboring mosaic elements, having refractive indices differing by  $\Delta n = 0.1$ , would appear as differently colored, the film thicknesses in these regions must differ by [1 - - 3] 1-3  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The paragraph beginning on Page 8, line 30 has been amended as indicated:

The structure of the decorative material is depicted in more detail in Figs. [1 - - 4] 1-4, and the methods of its fabrication are illustrated in Fig. 5.